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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Zeng et al.
Serial Number: 09/683,853
Filed: Feb. 22, 2002
Examiner: C. Lopez
Group Art Unit: 1731
For: OPTICAL FIBER DEPOSITION TUBE FUSED IN DEUTERIUM ATMOSPHERE
FOR ATTENUATION IMPROVEMENT

Mail Stop NON-FEE Amendment
Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the period for filing the Response to the Official Action of December 2, 2003, be extended one (1) month to April 2, 2004, under the provision of 37 C.F.R. 1.136. This Petition makes the filing of the accompanying Amendment timely.

The Official Fee for the one (1) month extension is \$110.00. Please withdraw funds from our Deposit Account Number 50-2339.

Respectfully submitted,

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